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**AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING RCE**

Sir:

This paper is filed concurrently with the filing of a Request For Continued Examination (RCE) in response to the final Office Action dated January 8, 2008. Additionally, the RCE is filed concurrently with the accompanying Petition For Revival of an Application For Patent Abandoned Unintentionally Under 37 CFR 1.137(b).

We originally filed this Amendment and Response, in a timely manner within 2 months of the Office Action mailing date, on Monday, March 10, 2008. However, the Examiner did not look at our reply until after July 23, 2008 when this case was already abandoned. Thus, the USPTO did not mail to us a timely Advisory Action as typically required and expected (until after we called the USPTO about the abandonment), and the case went abandoned without

Applicant's knowledge. Despite the best and timely efforts on our part, the Examiner's Supervisor, Patricia L. Engle informed us during a telephone interview that the present application is considered "abandoned" (as noted in her Interview Summary mailed August 14, 2008).

Thus, we are filing the present Petition For Revival due to unintentional abandonment, along with the Petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(m) of **\$1620.00** and the RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) of **\$810.00**, as well as the submission (an Amendment/Reply to a Final Office Action) required under 37 CFR 1.114. The Supervisory Patent Examiner, Ms. Engle, told us during the telephone interview that no Extension Fees would be due at this time.

However, if any fees, including extension of time fees, are believed necessary, the extension of time is hereby requested, and the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, including those for the extension of time, to **Deposit Account No. 502270**.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.